

CANINE HEROES HAD TO DIE

Dire Necessity Forced the Monks of St. Bernard to Put Their Dogs to Death.

All but six of the famous St. Bernard dogs kept by the monks of that ancient monastery in the Alps have been killed. Shortage of meat caused by the war led to this massacre.

The St. Bernard pass is of historical renown. It connects the valleys of the Rhone and the Dora Baltea. It was traversed by Roman legions thousands of years ago.

The great monastery was built in the middle of the sixteenth century. It was maintained for the relief of travelers who were surprised by snowstorms while crossing the pass.

CORNCOBBS PUT TO GOOD USE

Belief That They Can Be Made the Nucleus of a Great and Profitable Industry.

Corn-cobs—a great waste product in the world's greatest corn-producing nation—have been made to yield adhesive gum and other useful substances in quantities sufficient to convince chemists of the United States department of agriculture that the nucleus of a profitable and important industry lies in this direction.

In addition to adhesive gum, experiments have produced cellulose and glucose, both of which have many commercial uses.

To utilize corn-cobs commercially, the chemists believe, a large and costly plant would be necessary, and the bureau of chemistry does not advise any enterprise of the sort in war time.

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Italy, U. S. A.

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VOYAGE OF HARD-LUCK SHIP

On Trip From Calcutta to United States She Had Many and Serious Troubles.

A steamship that arrived the other day at an Atlantic port after a three months' voyage with 117 passengers had a rough time logging the long course from Calcutta and South Africa, says the New York Sun.

She sailed again after three weeks' delay, returned because of a fire in the jute cargo in her after hold and finally got away. Three days out Edward Gibson, automobile agent of Detroit, died of influenza and was buried at sea.

Everything might have been placid aboard ship thereafter had it not been for two "nationalists" from the Transvaal, who noisily advocated the smothering of all flag allegiance and said particularly bad things about the Stars and Stripes and the British ensign.

Dr. James Denton of Stamford, Conn., who had been 14 months in the Belgian Congo helping to treat about 5,000 natives for tropical diseases, praised the Belgians for their swiftness in driving out the Germans and regretted that he had come back too late to join the medical forces in France, as was his intention.

Mrs. Edward Calvert, who is known as Mme. Gainsborough to folks of Cape Town, and who coyly admits that she is the "smartest milliner in South Africa," comes here to buy goods.

LEFT BOTTLE AS SENTINEL

And Two Weary Privates Had Perfectly Good Explanation of Where They Got the Champagne.

About 10 o'clock on the morning of the brigade's arrival at a beautiful little town that looked, under the morning summer sun, as if it might be a million miles from the battle front, the peaceful scene was accentuated by two boyish privates of squad 17 size, obviously strays from their company, at the side of the street just around the corner from headquarters.

One was sleeping, as only a soldier who has seen five days of battle can sleep, his head dangling carelessly over a mud-stained pack.

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PHRASES HAVE BECOME OLD

Changes Demanded by Modern War Have by No Means Kept Pace With Other Matters.

We lack the speed in changing our phrases that we've shown in changing the war game. "Over the top" suggests parapets and paradises, fire steps and traverses, barbed wire and No Man's Land—the whole rignarole of stabilization in ditches.

"It's a hand grenade game," they told us when we landed in France. It was then, "Forget that rifle stuff," they said. However, rifles were still being packed around. Nothing else had yet been issued on which to fix bayonets.

PROFIT SHARING IN FRANCE

Idea is More Widely Held in That Country Than Any Other Part of the World.

Profit sharing is being widely discussed in England now, in connection with the nation's war activities, and much consideration is being directed to experience in France, where it has been in operation for 70 years.

In the French profit-sharing plans generally benefit funds are instituted to provide for emergencies in the life of the workers.

There are various systems of profit sharing in vogue in France. One of these gives a percentage of the net profits over the wages, the management, and the various benefit funds. Another bases the percentage on sales or total business done.

Airplane Flares.

The announcement was recently made by Maj. Gen. C. C. Williams, chief of ordnance, of the perfection and the adoption by the army for use in France of an airplane flare for night bombing.

Buddy Needed It Worse Than German.

Shaving off a week's growth of beard and capturing Germans at the same time would seem a difficult task to most soldiers, but not so with one American doughboy who entered a dugout just west of Thiaucourt and found that he had walked into the temporary home of a German colonel whose retreat to the rear had been cut off by the barrage.

Need for Schools of Politeness.

Many people laughed when they read that the London county council was running a "school of politeness" for waiters. As a matter of fact, it would be an admirable thing if as soon as the war is over, everybody who is still of teachable age were sent for a term to a school of politeness.

Personal Reasons.

The Liberty bond squad had some interesting experiences. "I am not subscribing for this \$50 Liberty bond to please you," explained a woman, as doleful as she is wealthy.

YOUTH IS PRIDE OF ITALY

Only Twelve Years Old, but He Has Won Great Distinction as a Brave Soldier.

On going to see the army of the Grappa a writer for the Marzocco met the smallest soldier in the Italian army—a boy refugee of twelve, in the telephone service.

He arrived at the lines and pushed on to a point well within the enemy lines till he reached a group of Germans, comprising a Prussian officer and three soldiers with machine guns.

Quiet and Patient People.

American Official in Russia Pays Tribute to the Good Manners of the Street Crowds.

In spite of the excesses that have marked the ascendancy of the bolshevik in Russia, the typical Russian is a patient, kindly and orderly sort of person.

New Alloy of Great Value.

On account of the high temperature required for suitably hardening fine-edged tools of tungsten high-speed steel, Sheffield tool-makers have sought a substitute material.

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FRENCH DEVOTED TO HOMES

To a Greater Degree Than Perhaps Any Other People They Love Their Native Places.

In counting the sorrows that have fallen upon France one must remember that her people, for the most part, have no wandering instinct in their blood; various causes, temperamental, economic, have made of them a race that roots stubbornly.

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Sample of Red Cross Work.

Wounded English Soldier's Mother Made Glad by News of Son in American Hospital.

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WAR BROUGHT AN AWAKENING

Change of Heart That Came to Used Indiana Woman Remarkable in its Results.

Just outside of one of our Indiana towns is a house which for twenty years has been pointed out to all passers-by as a place of curiosity.

A few weeks ago people were surprised by seeing this woman come to its main street. They wondered and wondered until the woman herself told of the attraction which had brought her from her seclusion.

High Tribute to America.

Visiting Italian Recognizes Disinterestedness and High Ideals of the People of Our Country.

Capt. Giuseppe Bevilone, now in the United States, has written a friend in Rome as follows:

"America shows the friendliest disposition toward Italy at present. The change, if there was a change, has been due to the astonishing Pleva victory.

Rubber in Fiji Islands.

According to a published statement of his majesty's trade commissioner to New Zealand, who has lately visited the Fiji Islands, the rubber industry is receiving much attention in those islands.

Luckily, He Wasn't Fired Upon.

There was one Yankee private in Thiaucourt who took a chance, but he couldn't resist the temptation.

Little Pickup for Edison.

Thomas A. Edison made \$3 when he motored in from his Orange (N. J.) home to New York to appear as a witness in a \$250,000 commissions suit brought by Archibald M. Ostrom of Brooklyn in connection with British contracts placed with Mr. Edison through J. P. Morgan & Co., agents for the British government.

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